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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A wax formulation comprising
as constituent a) at least one wax constituent, and
as constituent b) at least one isobutene polymer constituent, and
as constituent d) at least one finely divided oxide material with a porous structure
characterized by a BET surface area of at least 1 m²/g,
the constituent b) being present in an amount of from 0.1 to 5 parts by weight per part by
weight of constituent a), and the constituent b) being a hydrophobic homo- or copolymer
of isobutene having an isobutene content of more than 80% by weight and having a molar
mass (weight average) of at least 500000.
2. (currently amended) A formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~high-molecular~~
~~mass~~ isobutene polymer is a homopolymer of isobutene.
3. (original) A formulation as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a silicone oil
constituent c).
4. (original) A formulation as claimed in claim 3, wherein the weight ratio of silicone oil to
the total amount of constituents a) and b) is in the range from 5:1 to 1:10.
5. (original) A formulation as claimed in either of claims 3, wherein the silicone oil has a
viscosity in the range from 10 to 20000 mm²/s (at 25°C).
6. (canceled)
7. (original) A formulation as claimed in claim 6, containing constituent d) in an amount of
from 1 to 50% by weight, based on the total amount of constituents a) and b).
8. (original) A formulation as claimed in claim 1 in the form of a polish formulation
comprising at least one abrasive constituent e).

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9. (original) A formulation as claimed in claim 1 in the form of a oil/water emulsion.
10. (original) A formulation as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a water-immiscible organic solvent and/or liquid paraffin constituent f).
11. (original) A formulation as claimed in claim 9, containing
 - a) from 0.2 to 10% by weight of wax;
 - b) from 0.2 to 10% by weight of at least one high molecular mass isobutene polymer
 - c) from 0.5 to 20% by weight of at least one silicone oil
 - d) from 0 to 5% by weight of one or more finely divided oxide materials with a porous structure characterized by a BET surface area of at least 1 m²/g
 - e) from 0 to 15% by weight of one or more finely divided polishing agents and/or abrasives
 - f) from 5 to 60% by weight of one or more water-immiscible organic solvents or liquid paraffins and
 - g) from 10 to 93% by weight of water, based in each case on the total weight of constituents a) to g).
12. (currently amended) A method of maintaining and preserving smooth surfaces, that method comprising applying a ~~composition as claimed in claim 1 to the~~ wax formulation to a smooth surfaces surface,
said wax formulation comprising
as constituent a) at least one wax constituent, and
as constituent b) at least one isobutene polymer constituent,
the constituent b) being present in an amount of from 0.1 to 5 parts by weight per part by weight of constituent a), and the constituent b) being a hydrophobic homo- or copolymer

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of isobutene having an isobutene content of more than 80% by weight and having a molar mass (weight average) of at least 500000.

13-19. (canceled)

20. (new) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the isobutene polymer is a homopolymer of isobutene.
21. (new) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the wax formulation further comprises a silicone oil constituent c).
22. (new) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the weight ratio of silicone oil to the total amount of constituents a) and b) is in the range from 5:1 to 1:10.
23. (new) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the silicone oil has a viscosity in the range from 10 to 20000 mm²/s (at 25°C).
24. (new) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the wax formulation further comprises as a constituent d) at least one finely divided oxide material with a porous structure characterized by a BET surface area of at least 1 m²/g.
25. (new) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the wax formulation contains constituent d) in an amount of from 1 to 50% by weight, based on the total amount of constituents a) and b).
26. (new) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the wax formulation is in the form of a polish formulation comprising at least one abrasive constituent e).
27. (new) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the wax formulation is in the form of an oil/water emulsion.
28. (new) The method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the wax formulation further comprises a water-immiscible organic solvent and/or liquid paraffin constituent f).

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29. (new) The method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the wax formulation contains
- a) from 0.2 to 10% by weight of wax;
 - b) from 0.2 to 10% by weight of at least one isobutene polymer
 - c) from 0.5 to 20% by weight of at least one silicone oil
 - d) from 0 to 5% by weight of one or more finely divided oxide materials with a porous structure characterized by a BET surface area of at least 1 m²/g
 - e) from 0 to 15% by weight of one or more finely divided polishing agents and/or abrasives
 - f) from 5 to 60% by weight of one or more water-immiscible organic solvents or liquid paraffins and
 - g) from 10 to 93% by weight of water, based in each case on the total weight of constituents a) to g).